



**Christopher P. Riley, MS, CFO, MIFireE
Fire Chief, City of Pueblo, CO.
Internationally Accredited Agency
President, CSFCA**

Bio

Chief Riley is a 27-year fire service veteran. He began his fire service career in Southern California and worked his way through the ranks to Chief Officer. As a Chief Officer, he has worked in several facets and capacities while overseeing several diverse divisions and programs.

In 2006, he was appointed as Fire Chief with the City of Pueblo Fire Department. Riley serves on the Colorado State Fire Chief's Board of Directors as President and is the South Regional Representative. He is committed to collaboration and strengthening the CSFCA and various organizations throughout the State and Nation.

Chief Riley earned his Masters degree in Emergency Services Administration, graduating with honors from California State University, Long Beach. He holds a Bachelor degree in Vocation Education and an Associate of Science degree in Fire Science. In 2004, Riley earned the distinguished CFO designation through the Center of Public Safety Excellence.

In the California State Fire System, Chief Riley held numerous certifications and worked in several capacities including Chief Officer, Incident Commander, EOC Staff, Disaster Management, Strike Team Leader, Safety Officer, Company Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire/EMT Instructor, Paramedic, and Fire Investigator.

Career highlights and program development include: International Fire Department Accreditation, Mentor Program, IAFC Strategic Planning and Facilitator, United States Fire Chiefs Delegation to Russia, State Capitol Fire Service Legislation testimony, Professional Standards Model for the Fire Service, Fire Chief's Magazine publication, Disaster Preparedness, Homeland Security, Wellness/Fitness, Fire Chaplain, and conducting educational training and workshops at all levels.

Chief Riley's memberships include the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Colorado State Fire Chief's Association, National Fire Protection Association, Institution of Fire Engineers, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He serves as Chairman on the IAFC Professional Development Committee and co-developed the CPSE Fire Chief Mentor Program. Other projects include revision of NFPA 1021 and serving as a facilitator at the 2008 IAFC Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.

Chief Riley is focused in the areas of public safety/community collaboration, organizational excellence, and professional development at all levels. In 2008, the Pueblo Fire Department earned the distinguished International Accreditation Status Designation through the Center of Public Safety Excellence. Maintaining international accreditation status through continued self-assessment is the vision and strategic goal of the Pueblo Fire Department.

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